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District man found guilty of assaulting his girlfriend and her male friend by ramming their vehicle with his SUV

WASHINGTON - A 39-year-old District of Columbia man, Corey Lee Robinson, was found guilty by a D.C. Superior Court jury on March 17, 2009, of thirteen offenses, including Aggravated Assault while Armed with an automobile, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Obstruction of Justice, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Robert I. Richter on May 15, 2009. Under the voluntary sentencing guidelines, the defendant is facing a minimum term of imprisonment of 28 years in prison.

According to the trial testimony, Robinson, of the 2800 block of Langston Place, SE, Washington, D.C., had suspected that his girlfriend was involved in a romantic relationship with another individual. On December 4, 2008, the defendant spotted his girlfriend with the suspected paramour of his girlfriend in a vehicle together and he followed them. He struck their car several times with his SUV. While in the 600 block of Franklin Street, NE (PSA 501), Robinson used the SUV to ram the victims' car, causing the car to hit a utility pole.

After causing the crash, Robinson got out of his vehicle, went to the car where the victims lay injured, and began to beat them with his fists. The girlfriend's friend had to be removed from the car with the "jaws of life," suffered a traumatic brain injury, and a broken vertebrae and is still undergoing intensive rehabilitation. The defendant's girlfriend suffered a broken pelvis, among other injuries. Robinson fled the scene of the crash and was stopped several blocks away.

Robinson was also found guilty of eight counts of Contempt and three counts of Obstruction of Justice. After his arrest, Robinson repeatedly violated the court's order that he have no contact, directly or through third parties, with his girlfriend. Robinson made multiple telephone calls to Ms. Harland, left messages for her, sent her letters, and sent her messages through other people. In addition, Robinson tried to convince her not to testify against him at trial and to ignore any subpoenas she received.

In announcing the verdict, U.S. Attorney Taylor expressed his appreciation to Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Detectives Carter Adams and Jonathon Clingerman. U.S. Attorney Taylor also commended the work of Legal Assistant Nicole Lee, Paralegal

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Specialist Jason Manuel, Victim Advocate Christina Principe, Tim Linder of the Litigation Technology Support Section, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Cassidy Kesler Pinegar, who prosecuted the case at trial, and Scott Sroka, who conducted the grand jury investigation.

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